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MID-DAY PRAYER FOR MISSIONS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

THE CUSTOM

The custom of mid-day prayer for missions has become widespread since it was first proposed by Bishop Hare in 1871. It was independently started at Wuchang, China, in 1880. It was adopted in 1891 at the St. Louis Convention of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, at the Missionary Council at Chicago in 1893, and at the Church of England Missionary Conference, London, in 1894.

At the Church Missions House in New York and at stations at home and abroad, the noon-day prayer is said. Wherever missionary work is done by our own Church, and in many a home and shop, books and tools are dropped a moment for prayer.

One or more of these prayers may be said by you on your knees, or if at work offered silently and unobserved.

A MID-DAY PRAYER

Blessed Saviour, who at this hour didst hang upon the Cross, stretching forth Thy loving arms, grant that all mankind may look unto Thee and be

saved, through Thy mercies and merits, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Dear Mr. Bennett:

The Brotherhood office has just received a supply of the enclosed cards from the Church Missions House in New York.

I wonder whether this would not be a good thing to call attention to in the next issue of THE CHURCH NEWS? I think if more of our people knew that there were cards like this, advocating noon-day prayer, a greater number of them would be more likely to think of the Church's work at the noon hour, and perhaps, yes, and surely, the Church would be strengthened thereby.

Very sincerely yours,

F. H. SPENCER,
Executive Secretary.

To the loving heart, all this world's beauty and grace is filled with fair and heavenly images, fit to draw the heart nearer to man because nearer to God—
H. R. Harveys.

THE EIGHT SEASONS

*With ADVENT we the year begin;
Prepare the way for Christ our King.
Now CHRISTMAS sees in manger laid
Jesus in swaddling clothes arrayed.
Twelve days more the EPIPHANY star
Guides the wise men from afar.
Ash Wednesday fast begins our LENT;
Forty days in prayer are spent.
Good Friday sees Christ crucified
For one and all the Savior died.
EASTER! The Lord is risen today;
From the grave the stone is rolled away.
ASCENSION DAY! the ascended Lord
Is to His home in Heaven restored.
The Holy Ghost on WITSUNDAY
Comes down on earth, with us to stay.
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

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Is It I?

As the Master was opening His heart to the inner circle of His disciples on the eve of His passion—suddenly He paused and amazed them with the announcement that one of them was about to betray Him. The very thought of such a possibility made them sorrowful. To betray Jesus then would be to prove insensible to infinite Love and to fail the world at a critical time. They began to say, one by one, Is it I?

Today we, the Communicants of the Church, find ourselves in a strikingly similar situation. We are among His disciples—those who are admitted to His table; those to whom the secrets of His plan for the world's redemption are revealed. He has charged us as He charged them, to give to the world, however hostile it may seem, a demonstration of the Love of the Father? How else can the world be saved? Indeed the world itself is dimly conscious of all this and looks to the Church for salvation. How pitiful are the cries for help which come from many lands!

And yet the Church falters. There is a flaw somewhere. Yes, but where? We seem to hear again the voice of Jesus saying, "Some one is betraying Me, even he that eateth with Me."

The thought saddens us. Who could be insensible to the great Love of Christ? Who could fail the Church at this critical time? Careful now. Let us not yield to the temptation to fault the national Church, or the diocesan or the parish Church. Let us not be critics but penitents.

Let us honestly face the primary question. Am I an element of weakness? Have I been rendering aid and comfort to the enemy? Is it I?

We often forget our personal responsibility and talk as though the Church should sweep on like a mighty army against the forces of evil. Be not deceived. No phantom army is coming to save the world. The "mighty army" is only a figure of speech.

Our Lord chose very different figures when He would show us the nature of the Kingdom of Heaven. He said it was like a grain of mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. Let us look to our husbandry. Some day we must give an account.

If any man desires conscientiously to test himself to see whether he is "doing his bit" or is, in effect, betraying his trust, let him ask himself this simple question:

Am I a source of strength or weakness to my parish Church?

There is the place first of all to show his loyalty. "The light that shines farthest, shines brightest nearest home."

If he fail there the chances are he will miss his greatest opportunity to serve Jesus Christ and humanity. If by his misconduct, neglect or disloyalty he lowers the vitality of the parish to which he belongs, by the same token he betrays Jesus Christ and fails the world. For the parish Church does not exist for the cure of souls within its own boundaries alone—important as this may be—but also as an agency for the blessing of the world.

The crying needs of the world are overwhelming. The Church is trying to meet those needs. For this purpose great enterprises have been organized. It seems like gigantic machinery without sufficient spiritual power to sustain and operate it.

Where and how is the power to be generated?

The parish Churches are the spiritual power houses of the Kingdom of God.

We hear that Church people are not giving enough money for missions. What then? Shall we curtail our missionary work? Once visualize some mission field being deserted by the Church's messengers and you will cry "God forbid."

The vital need is the creation of the will to give among Church people everywhere. Now the will to give is born of Knowledge and Love. It is the function of the parish Church to disseminate this Knowledge and light in every breast this torch of Love.

Let the man who believes in missions ask "How would the Church's missionary work succeed if every parish were like my parish? How would my parish serve the cause if every Communicant thought, felt and acted as I do?"

As with missions, so with every phase of the Church's work. The national Church depends upon her dioceses, and they in turn upon the parishes. And finally, gentle reader, it comes squarely up to you and to me.

Our Lord is calling upon His Church to demonstrate to the world the Love of the Father. The Church is faltering. Somewhere there is disloyalty. Is it I?

BISHOP GARLAND PALESTINE TREASURER

Bishop Garland has consented to serve as treasurer for the Palestine fund. Though there is no official connection between our Church and the Jerusalem and the East Mission, Bishop MacInnes requested Bishop Gailor to appoint a successor to the late treasurer, the Rev. Dr. John McKenzie, and in response to this appeal Bishop Garland agreed to take the position.

In a letter addressed to the clergy, Bishop Garland says in part:

"I am sure that I may count on the hearty co-operation of the Provincial and Diocesan Secretaries who have served so faithfully in the past, and may also hope for an increase in the generous offerings throughout the Church for this great work.

"In the providence of God a new era has opened for work in the Holy Land of Christendom. Since last summer the large jurisdiction of Bishop MacInnes has been divided, and the Jerusalem and the East Mission is now confined to Palestine, Syria and Cyprus. Bishop Gwynne, the former Bishop Suffragan, has been installed as Bishop of Egypt and the Sudan. This will enable the Bishop in Jerusalem to give a great deal more time to the development of work in Palestine and Syria. For the first time since the days of the Maccabees, there is a Jewish Governor in the Holy Land, Sir Herbert Samuel. Though much progress has been made since the Armistice, yet at this critical time there is need of an awakening of missionary enthusiasm if the Christian Church is to do its share toward the rehabilitation of the Holy Land and minister to the needs of the saints in Jerusalem, as well as to the Moslems and others who come within the influence of our Christian civilization.

"As our eyes are turned to the Holy City during Holy Week, let us pray that on Good Friday generous offerings from every Church and mission may be

given for the work of the Bishop in Jerusalem, and that God will hasten the appointed time when all Israel shall be saved."

SEND US MORE NEWS, PLEASE

THE CHURCH NEWS feels the need of more news from the parishes.

Many rectors and parish correspondents send news each month, but the whole Diocese is not represented.

Therefore, THE CHURCH NEWS urges its friends to send news of activities in the parishes by mail, messenger, telephone, or inform us when and where it can be obtained.

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HELEN F. MOCKETT.

BISHOP THOMAS PREACHES MARCH 30

The Rt. Rev. N. S. Thomas, Missionary Bishop of Wyoming, will preach in Holy Apostles Church, Twenty-first and Christian Streets, on Wednesday evening, March 30th. The service will be under the auspices of the Woman's Service Club, of the parish.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETING MARCH 8

The winter meeting of the West Philadelphia Branch of the Sunday School Association of the Diocese of Pennsylvania will be held Tuesday, March 8th at St. Barnabas' Church, Sixty-fourth Street and Haverford Avenue. Supper will be served at 6.30. The speakers and topics will be: Bishop Rhineland, "Relation of the Church School to the Worship of the Church."

Dr. Fred Gowing, principal of the Girls' High School, "Problems of Discipline."

"The Teacher's Collateral Reading," W. O. Easton, Associate Secretary, Y. M. C. A.

DOCTOR GRAMMER TO REST

The Rev. Dr. Carl E. Grammer, rector of St. Stephen's Church, Tenth Street above Chestnut, has been ordered by his physician to abstain from public speaking for several months. His trouble is local, and with rest the physicians say he will regain the active use of his voice. Doctor Grammer had planned to go abroad to join members of his family who have been in Europe all winter. In view of the condition of his throat, he expects to sail about March 23rd.

DAY OF INTERCESSION AT ST. MARK'S

The Bishop of Pennsylvania conducted an annual day of Corporate Intercession at St. Mark's Church, Thursday, February 24th (the Rev. Frank L. Vernon, rector). The day's observances began with early celebrations at 7 and 7.45, and continued throughout the day. There was continual silent intercession from 1 to 5 P. M.

Resist thy inclination in the very beginning, and unlearn evil customs, lest, perhaps, by little and little they draw thee to greater difficulty.—Thomas à Kempis.

**CHAPEL OF THE MEDIATOR TO BE
CONSECRATED MARCH 30**

The Chapel of the Mediator (George C. Thomas Memorial) will be consecrated on Wednesday, March 30th, at 10.30 A. M. The Bishop of the Diocese will be the consecrator, Bishop Garland assisting. The preacher will be the Rt. Rev. Nathaniel S. Thomas, D.D., Bishop of Wyoming, former rector of the Church of the Holy Apostles.

The Rev. Phillips E. Osgood, vicar of the chapel, has not completed the program. He said, however, as *THE CHURCH NEWS* went to press, that there would be invited guests from the Board of Missions and the various organizations of which Mr. George C. Thomas was connected during his lifetime. Invitations have been sent to several Bishops. In addition to the Consecration Service there will be a Consecration Festival Service for the whole parish of the Holy Apostles on the evening of Sunday, April 3rd, at which time the clergy, choirs and congregations of the parish will join in a service of thanksgiving at the Mediator.

There will be a men's dinner in connection with the Consecration Week on Thursday, April 7th, at which time the principal speaker will be Bishop Gailor, the president of the Presiding Bishop and Council of the Episcopal Church.

There is also being planned a women's luncheon during that week. "And many other plans are in the making," said Mr. Osgood, "to make it in all ways a most outstanding and memorable time, not only in the parish, but in the Diocese."

The Chapel of the Mediator is one of the most beautiful churches in the Diocese. Descriptions of the edifice have been published in *THE CHURCH NEWS*.

HOLY APOSTLES ANNIVERSARY

Congregations of four churches participated on January 31st in the annual service of the Parish of the Holy Apostles. They were: the Mother Church, the Holy Apostles, the Chapel of the Mediator, Chapel of St. Simon the Cyrenian, and the Memorial Chapel of the Holy Communion. These churches have a combined communicant list of approximately 3600 persons. The service was held in the Church of the Holy Apostles, Twenty-first and Christian streets. The Rev. George E. Osgood, father of the vicar of the Chapel of the Mediator, preached.

Associate with men of good judgment: for judgment is found in conversation. And we make another man's judgment ours by frequenting his company.—*Fuller*.

**KENSINGTON'S GREAT NEED
(Contributed)**

The great industrial section of Philadelphia in Kensington is out of work and suffering, desperately suffering in many cases, because the everywhere present large families of children of the mill workers are going without milk and groceries and in many cases clothing. It is believed by those who have studied the present labor condition out here that 80 per cent of the textile workers are not receiving wages, because their work in the mill is closed indefinitely. There are over 300,000 Scotch, English and Irish people in Kensington and about 450 mills, so you can make your own deduction in terms of hunger and personal discomfort at such a time as this.

It should be distinctly understood that this is an emergency call from brothers in Christ for need of money, to buy the plain necessities of life for their families, and for wage earning work which can bring to willing men and women the means that will tide them over this period of poignant discouragement to all, who when they give up must give up not luxury, but food and even shelter. There is always admiration for self respect and self reliance and for this reason I think that church people in other parts of Philadelphia should rally to the support of these splendid Kensington mill workers, who will not beg, but who silently appeal for consideration and support in this their time of terrible discouragement. Brighter days are ahead, but let us be Christian optimists and lend a hand.

Concretely, if you are interested send your check for any amount to Mr. R. R. P. Bradford, 146 West Lehigh Avenue, who is Treasurer of the Kensington loan and gift fund for this emergency time. Such money will help these people buy groceries, milk for children, or pay their necessary building and loan rent so they will not lose their houses because of the stress of these hard times. And again, you can greatly help men and women and younger people in this section by giving them work to do these next two months. This may be work about the house, heavy work or gardening work out of doors, etc.

St. Luke's Church, on the Episcopal Hospital grounds in Kensington, is in close co-operation with the Lighthouse of Kensington in all its work of relief. Any communications regarding such work may be sent to the Rector of St. Luke's, the Rev. Perry G. M. Austin, 156 East Huntingdon Street, or to Mr. R. P. Bradford of the Lighthouse, 146 West Lehigh Avenue.

Man's glory lies in his striving after the best; his shame, in contentment with the second-rate. The banner under which the true man marches bears the word "Excelsior," but the goal upon which he fixes his eye bears the inscription, "The Best."—*Church Missionary*.

A SPLENDID SHOWING

The following statement is issued from the Diocesan Executive Office:

The total missionary offerings in 1919 (not including "specials") was \$1,411,971.69. The total missionary offerings for 1920 (not including "specials") was \$3,013,916.68, an increase of 113 per cent.

The third province, including Pennsylvania, increased their missionary offerings from \$372,174.49 to \$864,384.17, an increase of \$492,209.68, or 132 per cent. This increase of \$492,209.68 was the largest of any province.

Of the three Dioceses which have always contributed most liberally to missions, the Diocese of Massachusetts increased its offerings from \$107,695.91 to \$181,294.35, or about \$74,000; the Diocese of New York increased from \$216,714.21 to \$291,134.49, or about \$75,000, and the Diocese of Pennsylvania increased from \$161,458.39 to \$252,678.93, or \$91,000.

The foregoing only include contributions made to the Presiding Bishop and Council for Missions under their charge. For all kinds of missions, including missions and institutions in the Diocese, also including "specials" sent to the Presiding Bishop and Council, the people in our Diocese contributed during 1920 about \$625,000, which is estimated to be approximately \$200,000 more than the previous year.

The foregoing figures show a gratifying increase in this Diocese, but the total of approximately \$625,000 is, of course, far below the \$1,320,000 asked of our Diocese; it is hoped that by a better organization, both in and out of the parishes, a further substantial step in the direction of the desired goal, may be accomplished in 1921.

REYNOLDS D. BROWN,
Executive Secretary.

ALTAR GUILD NEEDS WORKERS

St. Clement's Guild is very much in need of workers. During the war many of the people who had helped in such organizations left this work to do the more necessary work with the Red Cross. Now that the war is over, many of these people have not returned to their former affiliations. St. Clement's long established Altar Guild, which has always done such splendid work, has suffered because of lack of interest. The Guild is open to all the women and young girls of the parish, and they will be instructed in ecclesiastical embroidery, as they may need it. The meetings are held in the embroidery room on the third floor of the parish house, Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 10 o'clock until noon. Instructions in sewing and embroidery will be given Tuesday mornings.

THE PRO-CATHEDRAL

At a meeting of the Chapter of the Cathedral Church of Christ, held in the Bishop's house, January 27th, the property of St. Mary's Diocesan Church was formally turned over to the Cathedral and was officially designated as the Pro-Cathedral of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, by which title it will hereafter be called.

The Rev. Dr. Louis C. Washburn was elected a member of the Chapter, and steps were taken to organize a body of men corresponding to the Women's Cathedral League, which is to be known as the Cathedral Associates, and will aid the Bishop and the Chapter in the plans for the cathedral.

The decision that the former Diocesan Church of St. Mary should hereafter be known as the Pro-Cathedral has really made no difference in the routine of the church. It is true that some visitors recently asked to be shown "the Bishop's throne," but there is no such piece of furniture. The note of simplicity is the prevailing one and the effort is still to be useful as a diocesan centre rather than to assume new style and grandeur. The Tuesday evening sermons, under the auspices of the Third Degree Stonemasons, are to be continued through Lent. The preachers for the remainder of March are to be:

March 8th—The Rev. Dr. Richardson.
March 15th—Bishop Woodcock.
March 22nd—Bishop Garland.

Two short retreats were scheduled for March. One was held on March 3rd for the workers of the Church School Service League, and the other will be held on March 12th for the women of the congregation and any others who desire to come in. The former was conducted by the vicar, Doctor Richardson; the latter will be in charge of Bishop Rhinelander and will begin at 3 P. M., with addresses following at 4.30 and 7.30 P. M. Supper will be served in the Guild Hall at 6.00.

The program of Holy Week includes the singing of Maunder's cantata, "Olivet to Calvary," on Wednesday evening, a service of preparation for the Easter Communion on the evening of Maundy Thursday, and the Three Hours on Good Friday, which Bishop Rhinelander will conduct. The Bishop will also be the preacher on Easter morning.

For the past two years the annual service of the Cathedral League has been held on the Feast of the Annunciation, but as this year Good Friday falls on that day, March 25th, the Feast will be kept on April 4th, and the service will be held on that day at 4 P. M. The Rev. Dr. George William Douglas will be the preacher.

PARISH BUSINESS MANAGERS

Paid Workers Needed to Look After Financial Affairs, Says Rev. E. S. Pearce.

"Every Parish Should Have a Business Manager," was the subject of an interview with the Rev. Eugene S. Pearce, chairman of the Department of Education, Diocese of Central New York, published in *The Pennsylvania Register*, a daily newspaper printed for the guests of The Hotel Pennsylvania, New York.

"As most church matters are run now, a minister needs not so much a theological education as a six weeks' course in salesmanship and correspondence lessons in business letter writing," says the Rev. Mr. Pearce. "If religion counts for anything in our social and economic life, and I certainly believe that it does or I should not be in the ministry, then the business of bringing the love and fear of God into the lives and hearts of our fellowmen ought to be the best managed of all, and as it is it often just totters along, making what feeble strides it can. I believe that every parish should have a paid business manager, who is also the financial secretary and who will look after the financial affairs of the church exactly as the manager of a large business looks after its problems."

MISSIONARY MASS MEETING

Missionary work among the negroes in the South, the trials and the triumphs of a Missionary Bishop in the West, and the aims and achievements of a Missionary Bishop in Japan, were ably set forth at a meeting in Witherspoon Hall on February 14th, under the auspices of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese. The speakers were: Rev. Dr. Robert W. Patton, Atlanta, Ga., who told of the Church in the South and urged more help for the efforts in behalf of the negroes; the Rt. Rev. Nathaniel S. Thomas, Missionary Bishop of Wyoming, who deplored the lack of men for the ministry. Bishop Thomas praised the work of the Presiding Bishop and Council and said the increased amounts received by him for work in Wyoming, "are what you," pointing to the audience, "are doing through the Presiding Bishop and Council."

The Rt. Rev. Henry St. George Tucker, Bishop of Kyoto, Japan, made a strong plea for increased missionary activities in Japan. He said the Japanese Church has reached the point where it has become autonomous. The people of Japan, he added, were ready to accept the teachings of Christianity; that they were supplying their own leaders, but it was our duty to co-operate with the young Church and encourage the people with our money and by sending missionaries.

FINE RESULTS AT OAKS

Receipts Increase, Choir Joins Guild, Movie Outfit Bought and Rector Is Happy

Following are excerpts from *Saint Paul's Epistle*, the fine and newsy publication issued by the Rev. Caleb Cresson, rector of St. Paul's Memorial Church at Oaks:

Total parish receipts were \$1874.99, not including receipts of the parish by organizations. These are accounted for elsewhere. The Executive Council of the Diocese has credited our parish with \$317.90. This means more than doubling our offerings of 1919 for missions. It means over \$2 per capita of communicant membership per annum. If it had not been for the children's help this would have been impossible. The children gave for missions in 1920 \$87.37, a wonderful showing! Splendid.

Under the capable and enthusiastic directorship of Mr. Harry Crosscup, our choir has rendered reverently the services of the Church. The members have formed an informal guild, and through their efforts have raised sufficient funds to pay for choir music leaflets, amounting to \$27.60.

We have bought and almost have paid for our entire equipment. This has required some \$500 financing. Through the gift of \$30 from Mr. and Mrs. Eavenson and their sister, Miss Eavenson, we made the start and have financed all the rest ourselves. The machine is portable and has brought much educational pleasure.

THE BISHOP'S BRICKS PARTY

On the 29th of January the parish house of the Church of the Incarnation was filled to overflowing with children and grown-ups who came at the solicitation of the Bishop's Bricks Committee to see the play, "Adestes Fideles," given by some of the children of the Italian Mission, from St. Mary of the Annunciation, Kensington.

Bishop Rhinelander gave the address. He said that he felt that these meetings did much for the Americanization problem, as they brought together so many of our foreign-born and gave them an interest in each other and in the extension work of the Diocese.

Forty-six parishes were represented and an offering amounting to \$183 will be given to the Rev. Silvio Biagini for his work among the Italians.

Before going home the children enjoyed ice cream, while their elders partook of afternoon tea.

M. A. O. P.

NEED ANY LEAD PENCILS?

If So, Please Send Your Order to the
Church Service League

The Church Service League addressed the following letter on February 23rd to churchmen and business houses throughout the Diocese:

"The women of the Diocese of Pennsylvania were asked by the General Church to assume the responsibility for starting a Diocesan Supply Bureau in Philadelphia.

"The plan is to have standardized all the garments, sheets, pillow cases, etc., which go annually to our missions and institutions in the United States and to our missionary districts in Alaska, China, Japan, Liberia, Brazil, Isles of the Sea, etc. It follows the plan of the Red Cross Division. Pennsylvania's share is about 25,000 articles.

"We have accepted this responsibility and are also filling the needs of our diocesan missions and institutions wherever it seems wise to do so.

"We have a very competent force of women managing, superintending and assembling the thousands of pieces cut weekly and sending them out to the parishes in this Diocese, who, in turn, have accepted and agreed to pay for their allotment from us. In this way we get more for the money spent, better materials and standardized garments. This is all volunteer work with the exception of one paid secretary and one factory expert, who cuts weekly.

"Besides the work outlined above we have started a small shop where, among other things, the products of the Church Farm School are sold and delivered to the regular purchasers whom we have secured.

"As you know, in starting any business capital is needed and in order to furnish this we have bought 500 gross of very good lead pencils which we are selling at a profit. The pencils are admirably adapted to office use and are proving very popular. A sample pencil accompanies this note.

"We should very much like to have your company buy a gross of these pencils for \$14.40. Enclosed you will find an order postal.

Very sincerely yours,

"Mrs. J. WILLIS MARTIN, *Chairman*

"Mrs. GEORGE WHARTON PEPPER,
Vice-Chairman."

P. S.—The pencils may be purchased at Room 8, Church House, Twelfth and Walnut Streets.

The City Mission has taken over the religious services on Sunday evenings at the Inasmuch Mission, Locust street near Tenth street. The Rev. Alfred M. Smith is chaplain-in-charge.

AD CLERUM

In his charge to the clergy at the Pre-Lenten Retreat, the Bishop emphasized the importance of the cultivation of the mind.

He suggested that the clergy unite in a bit of common Bible study—a careful first-hand study of the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians in the Greek. In order to make it a common study he proposed that the clergy meet together in groups to confer and to submit their analyses of the Epistle.

The Bishop graciously invited the clergy to use the library in the Episcopal residence Monday afternoons, where he himself would meet them each Monday at 4 o'clock.

In addition to this Lenten Bible study, the Bishop suggested the reading of a book of classic and standard theology, preferably Anglican. He mentioned such authors as Illingworth, Moberly, DuBose, Westcott, Hort and Swete. He said it was his own rule to reread each Lent Moberly's "Atonement and Personality."

The Bishop urged also the reading of a good biography of some outstanding character, either ancient or modern, clerical or lay.

The Bishop then spoke to the clergy about "Worship, Prayer and Preaching." He said he realized that it was hard sometimes to secure such a measure of devotion on the part of the people as to justify frequent celebrations of the Holy Communion. He hoped that no congregation of the Diocese (except where several charges were under one priest) would fail to have the privilege of the Holy Communion at least once a week.

The Bishop feared the communicants were often the most neglected of our people—and yet they have the first claim upon the clergy. Lent should afford frequent opportunities for pastoral conferences.

The clergy were urged to renew their obligation to say the daily offices without omission.

"In your preaching," said the Bishop, "make room for simple instruction rather than exhortation. The laity are hungry for knowledge about the Bible, the creeds, the prayer book, the Church and other familiar things. Nothing really interests but information."

*Lord, for tomorrow and its needs
I do not pray;*

*Keep me from stain of sin,
Just for today;*

*Let me no wrong nor idle word
Unthinking say;*

*Set Thou a seal upon my lips
Just for today.*

—Canon Wilberforce

THE CALL TO THE MINISTRY

A meeting for men and boys of the Church, emphasizing the importance of the sacred ministry as a vocation, was held on Washington's Birthday at the Church House, under the auspices of the Philadelphia Local Assembly and the Brotherhood of Saint Andrew and the Church Club of Philadelphia. Bishop Garland presided.

The Rev. Bernard Iddings Bell, president of Saint Stephen's College, Annandale, N. Y., spoke on "The Call to the Ministry." Mr. A. Hunt Bautier, who saw service in France during the war, and has since been over the greater part of Europe, spoke on the topic, "Fiddling While the World Burns."

Cards were distributed among those in attendance in order that those who are interested in receiving further information regarding the requirements for the ministry, might leave their names and addresses. Every inquirer whose interest was manifested in this way will be promptly followed up by a personal interview and furnished with literature on the subject.

THE EMERY FUND

On October 16, 1921, the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of its founding. At the General Convention, held in Detroit, October, 1919, it was voted to raise a fund of \$50,000 to commemorate this "year of jubilee."

This fund is to be presented to the Presiding Bishop and Council in trust, and the income to be used for missionaries on furlough, for whatever should be their particular need—board, medical care, study, or recreation. The stipends of these missionary workers are altogether inadequate to any possibility of their "saving up" for any of these expenses. The fund is to be called the "Emery Fund" in grateful appreciation of the inestimable service rendered to the auxiliary by the three Emery sisters, one of whom has given forty years of continuous service. It is estimated that if every member of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions will give fifty cents the Emery Fund is assured.

Mrs. John Markoe, 1630 Pine street, is treasurer of the Emery Fund.

How powerful and tender a friend is our Redeemer! He hath done all things well, He hath spoken peace to our souls; we sail indeed upon a rough sea, but nothing can harm us while the Ruler of the storm is with us, and sheds from behind the cloud which hides Him from the world the consolations of His blessed grace and love.—Cunningham.

Books Dealing with Social Service

A committee of the Department of Social Service, consisting of Deaconess Colesberry, Dr. William H. Jeffreys and Mrs. Edwin C. Grice, was appointed to prepare a list of books dealing with social service from the Christian standpoint. This list is submitted by the department to the communicants of the Church in this Diocese. It represents thoughtful consideration of various phases of social problems from varied viewpoints. Some few of the books are radical; more are conservative; some are educational; others are inspirational.

The Department is of the opinion that the Lambeth Conference Report on Social and Industrial Problems should be read by all communicants of the Church as representing the judgment of the highest representative body of the Church in the world. The other volumes, with one or two exceptions, represent individual views and should not be taken as representing the position of the Department or of the Church. The Department is responsible only for the good faith of the writers. Most of them are by priests and communicants of our own Church. All are worthy of thoughtful reading.

In recommending the list one of the members of the committee said: "There is no use in the Church trying to follow will-o'-the-wisp theories. The course ought to point away from the whole subject of the Church for the Church's sake, to the Church for the world's sake. We talk about waste through spending money on military armaments. The Church is equally guilty of waste in spending so large a proportion of money on her own organization and propaganda when she ought to be doing the thing, which is the Kingdom. I think unity of action ought to be stressed at this time; I mean unity of

action on the part of all Christian bodies without any exceptions."

Here is the list:

Lambeth Conference Report on Social and Industrial Problems. (This can be had by writing to Rev. C. N. Lathrop, 281 Fourth Avenue, New York.

The Kingdom That Must Be Built—Rev. W. J. Carey.

Christian Theology and Social Progress—F. W. Bussell.

Faith and Social Service—George Hodges.

The Life of Canon Barnett—By His Widow.

The Church and the Hour—Vida D. Scudder.

The Clergy and Social Service—Dean of Worcester.

The Christian Ministry and Social Problems—The Bishop of Michigan.

The Acquisitive Society—R. Tawney.

The City Worker's World—Mary Kingsbury Simkhovitch.

The Social Teaching of Jesus—Shailer Matthews.

The Social Gospel and the New Era—John Marshall Barker.

The Next Great Awakening—Josiah Strong.

God's Co-operation Society—Rev. C. L. Manon.

The New Social Order—Prof. H. F. Ward.

Essays in Social Justice—Prof. T. N. Carver.

The Interchurch World Movement Report on the Steel Strike of 1919.

The Church and Industrial Reconstruction—Committee on the War and the Religious Outlook—Association Press.

CLINTON ROGERS WOODRUFF,
Chairman Department of Social Service,
of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

RELIGIOUS BOOK WEEK

March 13th to 20th

For the purpose of studying the field of the use of religious books, and widening that field so that it will include readers who would naturally be interested in religious publications, a committee of publishers organized an intensive campaign which developed during the winter months and will lead up to a Religious Book Week, March 13th to 20th. It is believed that through magazine and newspaper articles and editorials, and through a concerted effort of publishers and booksellers to bring forward books with a spiritual message many readers will have their attention systematically brought to books which they might not discover for themselves.

Religious books of today are closely connected with life and every-day problems. Bible study classes—men and women, ministers' associations, Sunday School classes, mission study groups, young peoples societies, women's clubs, parent-teachers' associations and other organizations are eager to be informed about contributions to the literature of right living.

LITANY SUNG AT ST. CLEMENT'S Changes in the Sunday Services During Lent

There are some changes in the Sunday services at St. Clement's during Lent. The Litany is sung in procession before the high mass, instead of a processional hymn. The first four invocations with which the Litany opens are sung before entering the church. Then the procession, with incense, passes up the centre aisle and down the north aisle, and again up the center aisle into the choir. The shortened form of the Litany is used, ending with the first collect. The introit of the mass is sung at once and the mass will follow as usual.

Since the Litany is sung Sunday mornings, it will no longer be used for the Sunday evening service in Lent. Instead Evensong is sung with the choir, with the officiant in his place in the clergy stalls.

NEW WINDOW AT ST. GEORGE'S

A new memorial window has been placed in the chancel of St. George's Church, Sixty-first street and Hazel avenue. It is in memory of Earl W. Friday, and was presented by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Friday. The window is divided into two sections by a mullion in the middle. In one section is portrayed St. Gregory the Great of Rome in full pontificals, and in the other, St. Augustine of England, clothed in the habit of the Benedictine order.

LARGE BEQUESTS FOR MISSIONS

The Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society recently received \$408,000 from the estates of the late George Platt and Miss Emily Platt, of Philadelphia. This amount is to be held in trust and the income applied for domestic missions in the States of Oregon, Montana, Nebraska and the Dakotas. The accrued income for 1920, amounting to a little more than \$19,000, was equally divided between the Dioceses and missionary districts in these States, with the understanding that some other method of division might be determined upon in the future. A small additional appropriation was made to enable our Church school on the Oneida Indian Reservation in the Diocese of Fond du Lac, to have an additional teacher.

CHURCH NEWS SOLICITOR

Miss Isabel C. Chapman, of 2546 North Eighth Street, a communicant of St. Luke's, Kensington, has accepted an invitation, extended by THE CHURCH NEWS, to solicit advertisements and subscriptions.

She has met with success in the last few weeks.

We bespeak cordial reception of her by the clergy and laity throughout the Diocese.

THE CHURCH NEWS is growing. Help it get bigger!

Will Build Zion Church

Committee Issues Appeal for \$10,000 a Year for Next Three Years

Zion Church, Broad street and Wyoming avenue, has issued the following letter:

DEAR FRIENDS:

At the congregational meeting held in Zion Church January 17th, the plans of the Building Committee were unanimously approved and the Committee was given authority to raise \$10,000 a year for three years and also to award the contract for the building of the new church.

We know you are sincere in your desire for a church. What we ask of you is moral and financial support.

The Diocese and the Bishop have given to our building fund \$20,000. They are interested and will do more for us when we show that we are willing to do our part.

As a church we are at a disadvantage without a suitable building in which to conduct our worship. We believe in a building of the best kind of structure for our house of prayer, dedicating that building solely to the honor and glory of God. Our present parish house will be used for social purposes.

Show your faith in the church by giving to your utmost. There is no true giving without a sacrifice.

As soon as the Committee knows that

a sufficient amount is pledged we are ready to award the contract and commence building.

The enclosed card will enable you to make a definite pledge and thus help the Committee to a working basis upon which to finance the new church.

The Committee is working in your interest and confidently expects every Episcopalian in the community to support this building program. We realize the magnitude of the task which we have undertaken. In our own strength it would be useless to attempt it, but in the strength of the Lord, which we will receive through your prayers, we will be enabled to accomplish the work we have been called to do.

Faithfully yours,

WILLIAM H. RITTENHOUSE, *Chairman*

WILLIAM ALEXANDER, *Secretary*

HOWARD R. SHEPPARD

GEORGE DEAL

GEORGE F. HEWLETT

CHARLES SHANE

REV. CHARLES H. LONG

EDWARD H. BONSALE,

Representing the Diocese of Pa

Business Committee

The Committee is arranging to make personal calls on every member of the congregation.

CHECK BABIES AT CHURCH

The Rev. F. M. Wetherill Starts Innovation at St. John the Baptist to Aid Mothers

There is to be a room for checking babies during Sunday services at the Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist, Germantown avenue and Seymour street, Germantown.

This innovation, which was introduced recently in Chicago, is established by the rector, the Rev. Francis M. Wetherill.

"Beginning on Sunday, February 13th, we will open a babies' check-room in the parish house adjacent to the church," said Mr. Wetherill. "Young mothers will be able to check their babies free of charge, to be cared for by a paid trained assistant during all the regular services. Any children under five years of age will be accepted."

An unusual tribute to Mr. Wetherill's ability was paid by the vestrymen of the church at their January meeting, when, for the second time within a year, they voluntarily raised his salary 25 per cent. He has been with the church only since June, 1919.—*The Evening Bulletin*.

ZION MEN'S CLUB DINNER

The second annual dinner of the Men's Club of Zion Church, Broad Street and Wyoming Avenue, was held on January 31st in the parish house. Sixty men attended.

Mr. Walter M. Stewart, president of the club, was toastmaster. The Rev. Charles H. Long led in prayer and made the opening address. He presented the subject of the Church Building Fund and emphasized the need of loyal men to make the project a reality. Mr. William R. Rittenhouse and Mr. William Alexander also spoke on the same subject. The men of the club pledged their hearty support.

Mr. F. O. Zesinger, of Girard College, gave an instructive address on the life, character and work of Stephen Girard. Mr. James M. Bennett, of the Department of Publicity of the Diocese, spoke of the need and value of getting news of the Church before the public through the CHURCH NEWS and the daily newspapers.

The increase in members of the Zion Church Men's Club was 100 per cent. last year. The meetings are held the fourth Monday night of each month.

DR. RUSSELL HERE MARCH 14-20

The Rev. James S. Russell, D.D., principal of St. Paul's Normal and Industrial School, Lawrenceville, Va., will be in Philadelphia from March 14th to 20th. Engagements can be made for him to speak in parishes, at the Educational Department, Room 16, Church House.

MISS MASSEY'S WILL AIDS CHARITIES

Miss Helen F. Massey, who lived at the Fairfax Apartments, School Lane and Wayne Avenue, in her will disposing of her estate, bequeathed \$2,500,000 to nine institutions and organizations in Philadelphia. These sum range from \$500,000 to \$150,000. The will was executed in July, 1910.

Among the items are \$500,000 to the Hospital of the Protestant Episcopal Church, this amount to be in trust and to apply on the income for the purposes of the hospital. The City Mission of the Episcopal Church will receive the income of \$150,000, to be used for the purposes of the mission. After bequests to other institutions were deducted and provision made for beneficiaries, Miss Massey left the residue of her estate to the Foreign and Domestic Missionary Society of the Episcopal Church of the United States in trust, to apply the income only for the purposes of the Society.

The bequest to the Episcopal Hospital is very timely because lack of funds had made it necessary to curtail some of the very useful work of the institution. The bequest to the City Mission will make possible an extension to the Home for Consumptives at Chestnut Hill, where it is planned to erect a nurses' home and a doctors' house.

A PARISH AGAPE

As an incentive to deeper fellowship and for the enrichment of Sunday, the parish of St. Andrew's, West Philadelphia, held on the first Sunday evening in February an Agapè, or Love Feast. It is the intention to continue the service on the first Sunday of each month indefinitely. Following a shortened form of evening prayer the congregation assembled in the parish house for an informal entertainment and social hour. Members of the choir sang, there was instrumental music, and the choirmaster, Mr. James Crabtree, led the company in singing some of the new hymns.

The rector of St. Andrew's, the Rev. William J. Cox, introduced the feature in a very happy speech, explaining the Agapè of the early Christians and expressing his desire to provide a means of parish fellowship whereby the communicants of the Church and people in the community might be drawn more closely together. Following the rector's address and the musical numbers, there was a cordial intermingling of the congregation; refreshments were served, and before parting all joined feelingly in singing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

The splendid response to the first of these services, both in attendance and spirit, points to the useful possibilities of the Agapè.

Report of the Foreign Committee Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Foreign Committee of the Woman's Auxiliary was held on February 16th, in the auditorium of the Inasmuch Mission, Mrs. Pancoast presiding.

Mrs. Pancoast announced to the committee that so far she had received between \$9000 and \$10,000 toward the Pennsylvania Ward in St. Luke's Hospital, Tokio.

Miss Packard told of the great need of an evangelist at St. Luke's Hospital, Shanghai. St. Luke's is situated in the crowded district of Shanghai and receives a great many accident cases. The doctors and nurses have all they can do to relieve the bodily pain, but nothing is ever done for the spiritual needs of these suffering people. This is why an evangelist is very necessary.

Following the custom of the Foreign Committee for the Lenten meeting, there was a devotional address given by Doctor Vernon, rector of St. Mark's Church. He had been asked to speak on the "Spiritual Side of Missions," which he said was a little like the wet side of water or the warm aspect of fire. People are prone to separate organization and spirituality, and to feel that after straining every nerve and muscle in perfecting the former they would rest a little and think of the spiritual side. There is really no conflict between the two; one ideal governs both, but there are two ways of looking at Christian missions.

First, supposing a group of disciples should endeavor to follow the precepts of their Lord who has gone into a far-off astronomical heaven, gathering His followers into a new heaven and new activities, and the remnant of believers must finish the work of their absent Master by strength they received from the distant Lord, bearing the burden

until the Lord comes again. There is a cleavage between this group of workers on earth, on whom all the work depends, and the group of saints at rest. It is a human institution with a divine mission.

Now, in contrast to this, is the other view of the Lord's work of missions. Standing in the very midst of it all is the Lord and Master of heaven and earth, our Lord incarnate, having overcome the world and the devil, having redeemed by His own blood all men, always and every way, and, as He looks down upon the world He has overcome, there is no doubt as to His victory; it was won long ago. He is master of the situation. Gathered about Him are His saints, and they are so in union with Him that they throb with His life, all He loves they love. They share the purpose and their power, life and personality in Him are part of the mighty engine to complete the salvation of the world. Here on earth is the smaller group of His followers. Every eye in heaven is fixed upon them and their strength enters into the workers on earth in a union deeper than prayer. Prayer is its expression. If one suffers all suffer with him. Our chief concern is to sensitize ourselves by use of every emotion of grace. We may not fail to be sensitive to all emotions of mystical bodies.

The practical side of missions is the continual practice of the presence of God, then later comes the Pentecost of missionary zeal throbbing through all the separate members of the body that will draw them into one, saving us from the peril of a personal, provincial, American Christianity.

The whole thing is summed up in two articles of the Creed:

I believe in the Holy Catholic Church
I believe in the Communion of Saints

Miss Riddle was the next speaker. She told of her work among the lepers in Japan. She said the greatest thing that could happen to us was the realization of Jesus in our own hearts. Twenty-eight years ago she started her work among the lepers, and twenty-one years ago the first hospital was opened at Kumamoto, of which she is in charge. Miss Riddle told of the terrible suffering of the lepers, and no one will give aid to a leper because in Japan leprosy means the "curse of God" is upon the person. She related the case of a woman who came to the hospital for treatment. She seemed to be a refined, educated woman. After a while Miss Riddle missed seeing her at the hospital and inquired of the doctors who looked into the case. They found her in her little home dying of hunger and none of her neighbors would give her any aid because she was a leper. She refused at first to come into a Christian hospital, but finally a doctor persuaded her. She could not understand how every one at the hospital could be so kind to her, so one of the nurses told her the story of Him who put out His hand and healed the leper. She is still in the hospital and never wearies of telling the other inmates the wonderful story of Christ's Love.

Mrs. Pancoast then announced that Mrs. Pepper had stamps to sell for relief of the famine in China. Forty-five million people will be affected by this famine. Mrs. Pepper said the stamps were three cents each, and asked the delegates to take them back to their parishes and sell as many as possible. The people are starving and some are even drowning their children to save them from starvation.

MEN'S DINNER AT HOLY APOSTLES' PARISH

The nineteenth annual dinner of the men of Holy Apostles' Parish, held in Cooper Battalion Hall, on Tuesday evening, February 8th, proved a brilliant success.

The four churches which compose this large parish were all represented, nearly 400 men were seated in the hall, which was attractively decorated. Among the guests present were three Bishops, a number of the clergy and prominent laymen, including Dr. John W. Wood, of the Department of Missions. The Rev. Dr. Toop, rector of the Church of the Holy Apostles, was toastmaster.

The first speaker was Mr. Franklin D'Olier, former national head of The American Legion. He spoke of our obligation to care for the men who were

wounded in the war. The Rt. Rev. Nathaniel S. Thomas, D.D., Missionary Bishop of Wyoming, formerly rector of the Church of the Holy Apostles, was accorded a warm welcome. He spoke briefly but forcefully of the urgent need of recruits for the sacred ministry.

Doctor Toop then introduced Mr. George Wharton Pepper, who mounted the high platform which the precentor had occupied, and thrilled the audience with a presentation of his plan for the organizing of the Church Army, which would enable the Church to cope successfully with her world task. He asked the men to think of the Church as fighting a desperate battle against heavy odds and with antiquated methods, and to feel that they were called upon to enlist in a fresh army of reinforcements to retrieve the situation and

to break through to victory. He said the opportunity was ripe for such an army of laymen to be organized on non-parochial lines and that Pennsylvania, by the organization of the "Keystone Division of the Church Militant," should establish a precedent for the Church at large to follow.

Prof. Francis H. Green, of Pennington, N. J., concluded the program with an address combining wit, wisdom and pathos in rapid succession, reminding one of our popular Philadelphia after-dinner-speaker, Mr. Cattell.

These addresses were interspersed with popular songs by the famous baritone, David Bispham, and by some brilliant drumming by the Rev. T. Archer Hess, known as the "Civil War Drummer Boy."

**TRIPLE CEREMONY AT
WYNNEWOOD**

All Saint's Church, at Wynnewood, was consecrated by the Bishop of the Diocese on Sunday, January 30th. At the same service the Rev. Gibson Bell, who has been priest in charge of All Saint's Church since the fall of 1919, was instituted as rector. The ceremony was further enriched by the blessing of the Church bell. Thus by a triple ceremony Sexagesima Sunday became indeed a "red letter day" in the Parish Church of Wynnewood.

Mr. Bell is well known in this Diocese as the head master of the Montgomery School in Wynnewood. When he founded this school in 1915 it was the first country day school for boys in Philadelphia; under his leadership it has been very successful. Mr. Bell has been able happily to combine pastoral duties with his academic work.

As an educator Mr. Bell was to the "mañor born." A native of Cambridge, Mass., he was graduated from Harvard University, and took up his first work as instructor at Saint Paul's School, Concord, N. H. Mr. Bell returned to Cambridge for his theological training, and was graduated from Harvard Divinity School with the degree of Bachelor of Divinity. During his term at the Divinity School Mr. Bell worked under the Rev. Dr. Alexander Mann at Trinity Church, Boston, having full charge of the work of the Boy's Club and the choir boys.

Returning to Saint Paul's School, Mr. Bell resumed his academic work and also entered upon pastoral duties in charge of the parish of Dunbarton. In 1910 Mr. Bell became head master of Saint Stephen's School, Colorado Springs, Col., where he remained until 1915, when he took up his work at Wynnewood.

GALILEE MISSION 24 YEARS OLD

The twenty-fourth anniversary services of Galilee Mission were held January 29th, 30th and 31st. The speakers January 29th in the chapel were: Bishop Garland, the Rev. Dr. Louis C. Washburn, the Rev. John R. Hart, Jr., and William A. Lippincott, Jr. The choir at St. Philip's Church sang.

Services January 30th were held in Holy Trinity Church. Speakers were: The Rev. Dr. Floyd W. Tomkins; George W. Wilkins, superintendent of the Mission; George L. Ramsden, and Joseph Dundon.

Services on January 31st were held in the chapel of the Mission. Speakers were: Bishop Rhinelander, Rev. Dr. L. N. Caley, Rev. Dr. George H. Toop, and Edward H. Bonsall. During the last year 16,754 persons attended the services in the Mission.

**MEMORIAL TABLET UNVEILED AT
OLD ST. PETER'S**

A large congregation assembled at old St. Peter's Church, Third and Pine Streets, on Sunday, February 6th, to attend the service commemorating the men of the parish who served in the World War.

A beautiful tablet of Italian style, painted on wood, was unveiled. This memorial tablet was erected by Miss Anna Shippen Lewis, of St. Peter's parish, and was designed by Miss Helen Maitland Armstrong, of New York.

Of the 104 men of the parish who were in the national service the following made the supreme sacrifice:

Julian Cornell Biddle

Charles Healis

Gareth Henry Mansell Powell

Thomas Stewart Webster.

Representatives were present from:

The First Troop, Philadelphia City Cavalry.

Society of Foreign Wars.

Officers of the Great War.

American Legion.

War Mother's Association.

The sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Edward M. Jefferys, rector of St. Peter's Church, Chaplain Officers, Reserve Corps, U. S. A., Chaplain General Military Order of World War, Chaplain Benjamin Franklin Post, American Legion.

The subject of the sermon was: "The Church and Her Commission."

Text: II Kings 13:18—"And he smote thrice, and stayed."

**COMMON PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN
UNITY**

A service of unusual significance was held in historic old Christ Church on the afternoon of February 14th.

A large body of ministers representing many religious bodies united in prayer for the reunion of Christendom. The invitation was issued under the auspices of the Inter-Church Federation of Philadelphia and was signed by prominent divines of the following communions: Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist, Lutheran, Reformed, Disciples and Episcopalian.

There were five scheduled prayers and five others at will.

The order in which representatives of five branches of the Protestant Churches arose and prayed follows:

Lutheran—The Rev. Dr. Edwin A. Delk, St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Broad and Mount Vernon Streets.

Presbyterian—The Rev. Edward Y. Hill, First Presbyterian Church, Washington Square.

Methodist—The Rev. Frank P. Parkin, general secretary, Pennsylvania Bible Society.

Reformed—The Rev. Rufus Miller, general secretary of Reformed Church Sunday Schools.

Baptist—The Rev. Arthur C. Baldwin, Chestnut Street Baptist Church, Fortieth and Chestnut Streets.

Bishop Rhinelander closed the service with a final prayer and benediction.

The Rev. Dr. Louis C. Washburn, rector of old Christ Church, conducted the service.

This new departure is in accordance with the precedent established in Boston, where the Cathedral of St. Paul has been used for weekly services of the same kind.

Dean Rousmaniere issued the following call to united prayer:

"If we think in the spirit of unity we must also pray in the same spirit. We have special prayers for unity but it is still more important that men and women of the various Christian bodies shall hold meetings for common prayer in behalf of unity.

"Why should we not look forward to a series of meetings where all Christians join in prayer for unity, to be held in turn in several of our churches? It would not only be a sight acceptable to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ if Episcopalians should go to a Congregational Church for the fellowship of prayer, or the people of any denomination join with those of another, but such a modest beginning of unity in the recognized presence of God might result in a more intelligent understanding of one another's aims and traditions and in a heartier drawing together in loyal and sacrificing service to the needs of men in the name of the Master."

MOVIES

A modern moving-picture machine has been purchased for the parish house, and shortly a fireproof booth will be erected for the same. The Sunday School is financing the purchase until such times as the machine will pay for itself. We hope to have many evenings of entertainment and of profitable education by means of this instrument.

—*The Parish Chronicle*, Memorial Church of St. Paul, Fifteenth and Porter streets.

\$20,000 FOR WORK IN BRAZIL

The Department of Missions, at its meeting in New York on February 15th, heard with pleasure that an anonymous donor had agreed to give \$20,000 for necessary land and buildings for the recently established Theological School in Porto Alegre, Brazil. The school is making steady progress under the leadership of the Rev. James W. Morris, D.D., who, with Bishop Kinsolving, was a pioneer of the Brazil mission.

A "Wee Bit Venture" Toward Thoroughness of Christian Education

By the Rev. Phillips E. Osgood, Vicar of the Chapel of the Mediator

I

AXIOMATIC?

Separation between Church and State may, perhaps, be expedient, but Church and State must not be so separate that they cease to co-operate. In the sphere of education, for instance, which affects them both. The phases of education under the domain of the public school are at their peril dissociated from those under the domain of the Church. There is danger of merely secular education tending toward materialism, and of religious education tending toward artificial, emotional unreality.

This has actually come somewhat to pass. We have far too recently become aware of the danger. But we *have* become aware of it, and with substantial unanimity. We now recognize that the Sunday School was really expected to work miracles of Christian education in a situation where, humanly speaking, even at its best, it was bound to be inadequate for lack of just opportunity. It is no criticism of the Sunday School to recognize the handicap under which it worked—and works. Its handicap was this: (1) the optional nature of Sunday activity, when serious work seems not a matter of course to the child dressed in his Sunday best; (2) that practice in manual work, social service or other expressional activity, was not expedient; (3) the largely untrained teaching with no compulsion of united public opinion behind it; (4) the dissociation from public school curriculum. At its best the Sunday School had to meet the psychological difficulty that it was no part of the "work day" taken for granted as the child's duty. Arithmetic, spelling, economics, etc., were sure to appear "real" in a way different from the Ten Commandments or the laws of prayer. How easily religion might be considered a suprerogatory extra rather than a vital essential! How easily might secular education cease to have a cultural or ethical flavor and be considered only on the basis of efficiency training for the strenuous business world. One high school principal recently said, "The problem that presses most bitterly on our work is that the fundamentally immoral tradition now obtains, which makes good scholarship absurd in the scholar's eyes. His motto is 'get by,' not 'make good!' And at least 75 per cent. of those who 'flunk out' of courses or school do so, not for lack of ability, but for lack of moral desire and stamina. We need efficient character-moulding methods by the churches in order to achieve a decent efficiency in public schools. Without character and ideals we cannot *begin* true education."

Is it not axiomatic, therefore, that we must attempt a closer correlation of religious and secular education?

II

THE IDEAL METHOD?

There can be little dispute but that, in theory at least, we must presently come to a system of correlation whereby the public school shall, at the request of the parent, excuse the child for certain hours of his business time; that he may go either to his church or to a community school of religious education for a lesson or lessons in religion closely correlated to the school curriculum; when, under adequate, standardized teaching he may be given the religious basis of his other knowledge; in close relationship to that other knowledge and with the prestige and compulsion of the public school added to the Church's schooling. It is doubtful whether the passing of the Church's courses of study should be a condition of public school promotion, because the public school should not decide the Church's policy, but trust the Church for serious purpose and standards. Marks for religious courses may

well appear, however, side by side with those for secular courses on a mutual report card.

There is no doubt that the school authorities already have the right to grant "excused time" for the purposes of religious education. They are already doing this by an accepted interpretation of the truancy law in the case of parochial schools, although that excused time be whole time. Parents may request excused time for any purpose which seems individually desirable, and an organized requesting to excuse Church scholars of a given grade for religious instruction is apparently well within parental rights. But this latter is unfair to the child and to the school, since thereby a most important subject of the school curriculum, unadjusted to this possible dismissal request, may be missed. In co-operation it may presently be arranged that unexcused scholars may be taught the less important school subjects at such a time.

In Philadelphia the project has only tentatively been taken up with the school authorities. The indication was clearly made that public opinion in favor of it must first be created and that sample demonstrations of week-day correlation should be worked out by the churches. This creates an extra difficulty, of course, in that the essential permission of excused time is not given and the experiment has to be conducted, under protest, outside school hours. But if Church school scholars and parents *will* rise to the challenge and prove that, for the sake of demonstrating the ideal, even on the optional, voluntary basis they are willing to initiate week-day systems of religious education, will not the school authorities recognize the sooner the earnestness and sanity of the churches?

III

E. G.

The above is the necessary background against which to place the modest experiment now launched at the Chapel of the Mediator, of which THE CHURCH NEWS has asked an interpretation. (One must, in justice to others, insist that this is not a lone venture. "Synagogue schools" have been in existence for years; community church schools are even now being established in several centers in our city; in other cities, although with public school co-operation, the movement has been established for some little time, and at Grace Church, Mt. Airy, there was a pioneering venture last year.) If this particular venture has any significance it is, to quote Doctor Gardner of the General Board, that at the Mediator "without excused time by the public school, under trained administration, there is attempted a thorough amplification of Church school methods in such correlation with the public school as is possible outside school hours." He might have added, "with the advice and sincere approval of the principals of all the nearby schools."

The Mediator schools are a venture of purely parochial organization. A public school teacher (Miss McKinlay) is added to the chapel staff as Director of Christian Education, and the scheme briefly outlined below has been started, having as its greatest asset a church school constituency avowedly ready to experiment even without public school excused time.

IV

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

So far as the Sunday aspect is to be considered, it rests upon this affirmation: "Sunday School must not allow itself, even by its success, to become a substitute for Church worship." The principal function of Sunday is worship. The family pew should hold its own once more. The child feels that to be most worth while in which he participates with his

elders. "Children's services" cannot give the child the thrill of "the great congregation." With a bit of definite preparation for worship the child may intelligently and joyously share in the main service of the day with the rest of the family of God.

At 10 o'clock Sunday mornings the choir stalls and front pews of transept and nave are filled with junior and senior scholars. The hymns, psalms and special collects for the ensuing service are located, explained, perhaps given a bit of story association, and practiced. Church year symbolisms and ritual details are explained. Then there is a "school sermonlet," usually with chalk and whiteboard illustration; envelope offerings are gathered into class envelopes; monitors have taken the attendance. The bell in the tower begins to ring and the scholars are dismissed to meet incoming parents or temporarily provided "worship sponsors." After fifteen minutes the morning service begins. Juniors may go home before the "grown-up" sermon; seniors remain throughout. The presence of the children distinctly adds to the alertness and zest of the congregation.

Kindergarten and primary kiddies have their regular school session during the morning service, that parents may surely attend service unencumbered of the littlest wrigglers, who are not quite able to enter into the adult service. Yet these littlest folk come over to Church for the last portion of the service, after the sermon, to get their touch with and sight of those final moments.

V

FRIDAYS AND TUESDAYS

The weekly cycle runs Friday, Sunday, Tuesday. Friday, lessons and impression; Sunday, worship expression; Tuesday, mission expression.

The lesson session on Friday afternoons for the juniors and on Friday evenings for seniors, is quite the regulation lesson period. A brief moment of prayer and hymn; then to class rooms for lessons and possible model or map work; then to the main hall, perhaps, for an impromptu dramatization of Biblical story, and then for moving pictures. (The moving pictures comprise a Biblical film, a missionary background travelogue and, finally, a lighter comedy-reel, carefully chosen.)

The encouraging item of this lesson session is the discovery how many ex-school teachers there are in the parish now married, but continuing their interests and skill in educa-

tion. And in the evenings it is worth noting that a more virile and significant group of men is interested than Sunday School as such could induce to assume responsibility.

Tuesday afternoons and evenings are devoted to the usual activities of the Church School Service League. Mission study or social service stories are followed by class work of sundry varieties, and this by a half hour of "fun": *i. e.*, athletics, games, and dancing classes. A great deal of actual social and missionary self-giving has been evident from the start. Box work has been supplemented by personal helpfulness to inmates of Blockley, to parochial causes, to diocesan institutions. The seniors are particularly "keen" on this.

The most valuable item of the Tuesday work is the definite assignment of blocks of the Church year to the working organizations of the parish, which, under a continuing committee, take over the junior and senior schools as junior partners in their work for their assigned weeks.

The senior vestry, the projected school paper, the young people's services, advised and carried through by the seniors; the Mystery Play at festivals, a membership "drive," Church League basket-ball, relationship with other young people's group, etc., these are details indicative of the general degree of initiative encouraged. Straws showing how the wind blows.

VI

FINALLY

The system has been in operation only three months. We are only beginning to commence to get ready to start, one may easily realize. Possible ramifications of educational organization of parish interests are not even guessed as yet. But the degree of intelligent, loyal co-operation on the part of parents, church officials and organizations is heartening. The average of active registration comfortingly near that of former years. Voluntary contributions, largely unsolicited, have practically made the director's salary a free gift to the work. Parishioners advocate the idea to their friends elsewhere. The snowball grows as it rolls. We pinch ourselves to be sure we do not merely dream our happiness in the venture.

If the venture is significant at all, it is because the realization of the necessity of some such venture everywhere is dawning. Only for the sake of the general movement is this specific venture worth the mention beyond the confines of the parish. That general movement, however, is strongly, surely consummating. God speed the day!

FEMALE PRAYER BOOK SOCIETY

THE CHURCH NEWS has received a copy of the eighty-sixth annual report of the Female Protestant Episcopal Prayer Society of Pennsylvania. The 16-page booklet contains much information about the work of the society. It shows that the society went on, during last year, doing good work though much hampered by the further increase in the price of books, which has about doubled, and the heavy freight charges. The books, however, have gone to widely separated places, and, as the librarian's report shows, some appeals had to be answered by smaller number of books being sent, much to the regret of the members. An arrangement has been made with the Bishop White Prayer Book Society whereby the Female Protestant Episcopal Prayer Book Society will buy their books at cost, which is much less than has formerly been paid. Thus by co-operation much more work can be accomplished with the same amount of money.

The report of Mrs. Joseph H. Burroughs, the librarian, for 1920, shows books were distributed as follows:

Large Prayer Books.....	17
Hutchins' Hymnal.....	1
Small Prayer Books.....	789
Small Hymnals.....	459
Mission Hymnals.....	190
Combined Books.....	204

Total.....1,660

THE CHURCH NEWS AT ROYERSFORD

"This past week I mailed forty-five copies of the CHURCH NEWS to that many families and have ordered that number for the year," writes the Rev. William Roberts, of Epiphany, Royersford. "I feel that it is going to help the people understand what we stand for and what we are trying to do."

BROTHERHOOD OF SAINT ANDREW

The Diocese of Pennsylvania is proud of her record in Brotherhood work. Laymen have always taken a very prominent part in Church work in Philadelphia. The Local Assembly is a thoroughly wide-awake organization. The Noon-day Lenten services in the Garrick Theatre give evidence of this spirit of enterprise.

There are now seventy-four chartered active Senior Chapters and twenty-nine chartered active Junior Chapters of the Brotherhood of Saint Andrew in this Diocese—the largest number in any Diocese in the Church.

The following Chapters recently received their charters: Christ Church, Sixth and Venango Streets (Senior Chapter); the Chapel of the Mediator, Fifty-first and Spruce Streets (Senior Chapter); Grace Church, Mt. Airy (Junior Chapter); the Chapel of St. Simon the Cyrenian, Twenty-second and Reed Streets (Junior Chapter).

Cathedral or Non-Parochial Services and Work Carried on by the Diocesan Church of Saint Mary Since March 1, 1919

Organizations That Have Used the Diocesan Church
(March 1, 1919, to March 1, 1921)

Clergy of the Diocese

Pre-Lenten Service (three times)
Conference for Healing Mission
Six lectures on Preaching and Pastoral work (Bishop Hall)

Stonemen

Corporate Communion (six times)
Evening Service (once)
Regular rehearsals Stonemen's Band
Course of Lenten Sermons

Returned Soldiers and Sailors (two services)

Social Workers of Philadelphia

Corporate Communion and Breakfast (once)
Quiet Day (once)
Lenten Conference (once)

Diocesan Altar Guild

Corporate Communion and Breakfast (twice)
Business meeting every month.

Guild of St. Barnabas for Nurses

Monthly Meetings
Annual Sermon
Service Commemorating Birth of Florence Nightingale

Church Training and Deaconess House

Commencement (twice)

Memorial Service for War Dead

United Service of Colored Congregations (twice)

Service for Colored Physicians and Nurses (twice)

Mission Study Classes

Corporate Communion (twice)
Educational Conferences all day, with Breakfast and Luncheon (twice)

Vestrymen of the Diocese

(twice) (Good Friday)

Churchwomen's Housing Committee (three meetings)

Society Companions of the Holy Cross
Corporate Communion
Admission Service for New Members

Returned Chaplains

Corporate Communion
Quiet Day
Several Conferences

Guild of Prayer for Teaching Office of the Church

Retreat (twice)

United Offering Service (twice)

Junior Service League

"Rosebud" Service (twice)

Cathedral League (three times)

Daughters of the King

Diocesan Local Assembly

Nation-Wide Campaign Workers

Corporate Communion (twice)

Librarians of Church Periodical Club of Diocese

Annual Service

Greek Congregation

Special Service

Colonial Dames

Dedication of Flags for Cathedral City Mission

Fiftieth Anniversary Exercises

Prayer Circles of Healing Mission

Headquarters now here

Meeting (twice)

Intercessions (once)

Convocation of South Philadelphia

Churchwomen's League

Election Day Service for Voters

USES BY THE BISHOP

Ordinations (six times)

Setting Apart of a Deaconess (once)

Lecture Courses (twice)

Italian Service, auspices of Italian Committee

Russian Service (under auspices Dept. of Missions, New York)

USES FOR WHICH MORE GUILD-HOUSE ACCOMMODATION IS NEEDED

1. Offices for Clergy now provided
2. Residence for Assistant (Deaconess or Sexton) now provided
3. Clubroom for Nurses (St. Barnabas Guild) now provided at 616 S. Broad
4. Clubroom for Boy Scouts
5. Sunday and Week-day Kindergarten for Children of Neighborhood soon to be begun
6. Headquarters of Third Degree Stonemen (now here)
7. Classes in English for Foreigners in Neighborhood
8. Weekly Supper and Entertainments—Girls' Friendly Society
9. Week-day Religious Instruction now carried on—70 enrolled
10. Clubroom for Mothers' Club—Health Talks for Women and Girls, etc.
11. Other Social Service Work under the Vicar's Council

At the Parkway open-air services held on Sunday afternoons for four years on the property allotted for a Cathedral, there has been an average attendance of 300, and total of 13,650.

At the open-air services at Broad and South Streets on Sunday evenings during the last two summers, there was an average attendance of over 100.

The Teaching Mission during two weeks of December with an attendance of 1600.

ARE PEOPLE INTERESTED?

In two weeks' mail, etc., there have been the following indications of general interest in the movement in religious education, so far as the vicar is concerned as a single representative of the movement:

A request to speak in Brooklyn at a public forum.

A request to talk to a Southern diocesan synod.

An invitation to address a (secular) Teachers' Institute in Massachusetts.

An invitation to talk to the junior leaders of our diocese.

An invitation to talk to the Friends' Educational Association.

Details of requested supervision of the

local Interdenominational Week-day School Intensive Institute.

A talk with a school committee man of another city.

A request to address a young people's institute here.

Four letters asking information what we are doing.

Three visitors from other parishes making investigation.

A Virginia clergyman to investigate.

A letter from the dean of the Cambridge School expressing interest.

An opportunity to write an article for the CHURCH NEWS.

The letters from the bishops published two weeks ago in the *Leaflet*.

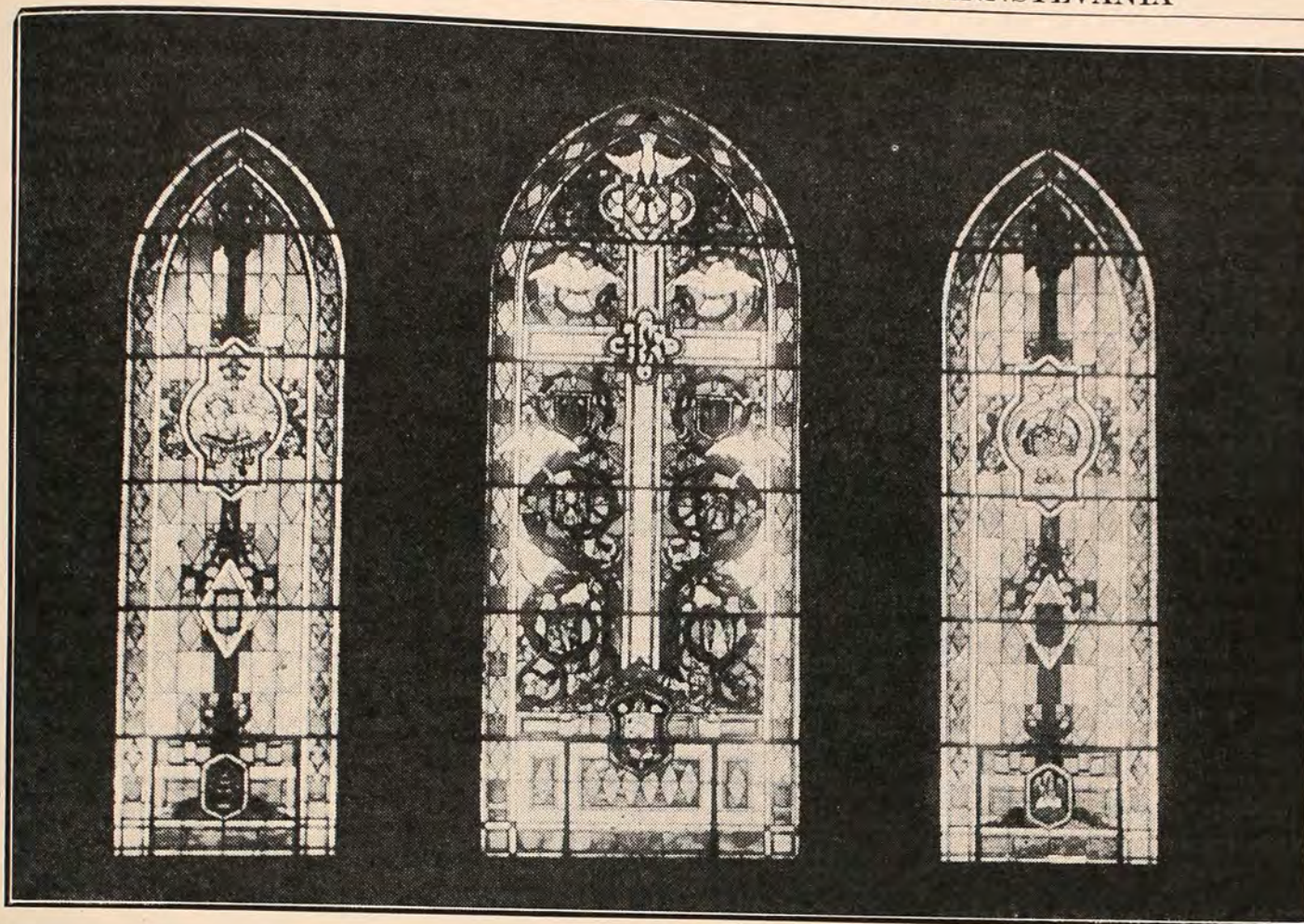
From *The Leaflet*, Chapel of the Mediator.

HYMNALS—MUSICAL AND WORD EDITIONS

Parishes intending to install the New Hymnal are asked to place their orders before April 1st. We secured a large quantity in order to supply them at a lower rate, and desire to dispose of them before moving to the Bishop's house.

We also have the *Living Church Annual* on hand. *Easter cards* are now on sale.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT,
CHURCH HOUSE.



Symbolism of New Windows at St. Stephen's

Upon viewing the new windows just completed by the D'Ascenzo Studios of Philadelphia, for the openings over the main entrance of St. Stephen's Church, Tenth Street above Market, one is immediately impressed by the symbolism that is woven into every portion of these great panes of leaded glass.

The windows were especially designed for night illumination, and the great cross, which is the central feature of the windows, may be seen flaming as it were out upon the night like the Cross of Constantine. From the base of the Cross springs the vine, weaving in and out in ever-ascending spirals to the upper portion of the window, typifying the Church of Christ, with its far-reaching activities and its mounting optimism.

"I am the vine, ye are the branches." "Abide in Me and I in you, as the branch cannot bear fruit of itself except it abide in the vine, no more can ye, except ye abide in Me." This, then, is the theme of the central window. Our Lord represented by the Cross. "By Whom we have now received atonement," and His Church upon earth. In the branches of

the vine may be seen white doves, symbols of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit.

At the centre of the intersecting arms of the Cross, in medallion form and monogramed, are the letters I. H. S., and immediately below upon six shields pendant from the vine are emblazoned Alpha and Omega, and the four symbols of the evangelists, the angel, the lion, the ox and the eagle.

In the extreme upper portion of the window is seen a chalice and wafer, typifying the Blessed Sacrament. The grape clusters of the vine are also suggestive of the same idea. At the base of the window, upon a shield of antique form, are seen the attributes of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr; these are the book, the palm and five stones, the palm and stones being the symbols of martyrdom.

In the borders of the windows, used as a repeating pattern, may be seen the crown symbol, which is sometimes used to suggest the crown of life, the crown of glory, the crown of righteousness. The two windows on either side of the central window contain the vine as the

leading motif with the addition of two beautifully suggestive medallions, one of which shows a representation of the ark and rainbow, the other the Paschal Lamb, upon the book of the seven seals. Other emblems are the anchor, table of the law, the sheaf of wheat, and the pelican, plucking down from her breast in order that the young birds may rest in comfort, and symbolizing the care of the Church for her children.

The colors of these windows also have a special meaning; for instance, white is the symbol of light, and since our Lord is the light of the world, white is His color; hence, the white Cross as the principal feature of the composition. White is also the symbol of purity; hence the seven white doves, symbolizing the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Blue, the color of the sky, introduced in the border windows, is a symbol of heaven—faith, truth and constancy.

Yellow is a symbol of the sun, God's greatest gift of nature, and is used in the field of the four evangelists as a distinguishing mark of their commanding position among the disciples.

FELICITATIONS TO MR. BONSALL

On the last day of last month Mr. Edward H. Bonsall completed twenty-two years service with the Land Title and Trust Company. He was the recipient during the day of congratulations from patrons and officers of the company and his numerous friends at the bar and in real estate and business cir-

cles. His desk was graced by numerous floral offerings from the employees of the company. Attached to one was a card as follows:

Edward H. Bonsall, Esq.
From

The Title Department, in token of their appreciation of the never-failing patience, courtesy and kindly consideration ex-

tended by him to everyone in the department.

And on another card as follows:

May the coming years add happiness, is the wish of the Settlement and Application Departments.

The Messenger wishes to add its congratulations.—From *The Messenger* of St. Matthew's Parish.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY

A joint committee to raise the standard of moving-picture shows has been formed, with thirty civic and social service organizations represented. The president of the Girls' Friendly Society is a member, and as a result of information put before the committee, the following resolution was sent to Governor Sproul on behalf of the Girls' Friendly Society:

WHEREAS, The Girls' Friendly Society stands for the highest ideals of religion and purity; and

WHEREAS, Suggestive and immoral moving-picture films constitute a grave menace to the purity of our American life and homes, which menace can be controlled by an efficient, conscientious board of censors; and

WHEREAS, Political pressure against any censorship whatever is being exerted in many States by the moving-picture interests, said to be the fourth largest industry in invested capital in this country; and

WHEREAS, This pressure has undoubtedly been shown in Pennsylvania by the removal of Doctor Oberholtzer as a voting member of the State Board of Censors, a removal which was openly rejoiced at by the moving-picture publications as a victory for their cause; and

WHEREAS, We feel no confidence in the present board (always excepting Mrs. Niver);

Therefore, In the name of the Girls' Friendly Society in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, representing 4500 women and girls, we appeal to Governor Sproul to restore Doctor Oberholtzer as a voting member of the State Board of Censors, and thus restore our confidence in the censorship of moving pictures in this State.

(Signed) MARGARET C. MAULE,
Diocesan President.
MARIE W. PAUL,
Diocesan Secretary.

A vacancy occurs on the Board of Censors May 15th, and this is a great opportunity for everyone interested in better moving pictures to urge the Governor to appoint Doctor Oberholtzer.

Twenty-six branches in this Diocese contributed 496 filled stockings, besides other games and toys, valued in all at \$495, for the children at the Philadelphia General Hospital, a gift that was very greatly appreciated, as many of the little patients come from such poor homes that their families cannot send anything to brighten their Christmas.

In answer to the appeal for the European Children's Relief Fund, the branches have responded splendidly, and

feeding about sixty children until the next harvest.

The Society is desirous of disposing of its original Holiday House at 615 Hughes Street, Cape May, N. J., which was given up several years ago when the present larger house was acquired. It has since been rented as a boarding-house, being very suitable for such purpose, and in a good location.

The Rev. Charles Lewis Slattery, D.D., of Grace Church, New York, is to be the speaker at the annual service on April 28th.

IF WE HAD NOT

The Department of Religious Education of the Presiding Bishop and Council spent \$70,000 in 1920. Was it too much?

If we had not spent it, says a bulletin issued by the department—

1. We should not have been able to give religious instruction to 3000 boys and girls excused from public schools on week days for attendance at our Week Day Schools of Religion.

2. We should not have had 7000 college students from Church families advised, inspired and held true to the Church by our "Student Inquirers," and the college pastors guided and helped by the ideal of the National Student Council.

3. We should not have known the extent of our deficiency in recruiting the ministry, and we should not have had a great commission of the best minds working on the question under the chairmanship of Dean Fosbroke.

4. We should not have had a survey of Church boarding schools by Doctor Thayer, with the result that some teachers and schools who had thought the Church had forgotten them are now once more trying to make the Church schools, schools of religion, safeguarding the best in boys and girls.

5. We should not have had nearly thirty summer schools training 5000 teachers and parish workers for their winter's work.

6. We should not have had a series of Christian nurture studies that is awakening a more intelligent appreciation of the Church in over 150,000 homes, teachers and pupils.

7. We should not have had a pageant movement in which over 1000 churches were dedicated to a new and compelling method of teaching religious truth.

8. We should not have had over fifty life work dinners and conferences for high school boys and girls, where over 5000 of our youth heard the call of the Church for life service in the ministry, the schools and the hospitals, at home and in foreign lands.

And then—the unknown?

Did we get full value for our money?

SEAMEN'S CHURCH INSTITUTE

Since the consolidation of the Seamen's Church Institute and the Churchmen's Missionary Association, which was effected at the January meeting of the former institution, the work among the seamen of the port of Philadelphia has made notable progress.

Under the direction of the Rev. Percy R. Stockman, rector of Gloria Dei (Old Swedes'), the institute at Second and Walnut streets, the older institution at Front and Queen Streets and the Biddle Memorial branch on Cambria Street, have been giving aid to the thousands of men of the Merchant Marine now out of employment because of the inactivity in shipping. The third and fourth floors of the old St. Alban's Hotel, now the headquarters of the institute, have been remodeled. Some idea of the work may be obtained when it is announced that the Institute and its branches are accommodating sailors with sleeping quarters at the rate of 35,000 a year. The three restaurants are feeding men at the rate of 205,000 a year, and 75,000 men are availing themselves of the recreation facilities.

One of the features of the work is the Sunday night suppers, given at the end of each month at Front and Queen Streets. This work is under the direction of Mrs. J. Whitaker Thompson. About 250 men attended the last supper, Mrs. Charles Henry Scott is in charge of the auxiliaries and reports that several new organizations were formed last month.

The Institute will have a large exhibit at the American Marine Exposition, to be held in the First Regiment Armory, Broad and Callowhill Streets, March 14th to 19th. Various auxiliaries will be in charge of the booth during the week.

Mrs. A. R. Kempton, directress of the Church Periodical Club, has made arrangements to establish a collecting agency in each Parish for the purpose of obtaining magazines and reading matter for the sailors. These plans were indorsed at the last meeting of the club after an address by Mr. Stockman.

*Into the desert, apart from men,
Lord, we are called by Thee,
To gather strength for the coming days,
To walk, for a while, the quiet ways,
There, in Thy company.*

*We shall learn of that wondrous, sinless
life*

*Thou didst live, Thou Virgin-Born;
We shall follow Thee through Thy Pas-
sion-Tide*

*Mourn Thee mocked, scorned, and cru-
cified,*

*Then rejoice with Thee, risen, glorified,
In the light of the Easter Morn.*

—Selected.

REPORT OF COLORED WORK

There are fourteen churches, chapels (4), missions.

The communicant membership is 2300.

The Sunday schools have more than 2000 scholars.

The people raised towards their own support, during the year 1920, \$24,748.

There are endowments amounting to about \$85,000.

Church property is valued at \$440,000.

INSTITUTIONS

The Home for the Homeless, 1327 Fitzwater Street, a temporary home for colored women and children, where they receive Church teaching and are trained in household work.

The House of the Holy Child, 625 North Forty-third Street, for colored children.

House of St. Michael and All Angels, 612 North Forty-third Street, for the surgical treatment and the mental and religious instruction of colored crippled children.

St. Mary's Boarding School for Colored Girls, 6138 Germantown Avenue. This is a Church school, but not under the supervision of the Diocese.

What are the chief needs of the missionary department of this work? Suitable plants in which to carry on any kind of work.

As an example, the deaconess in Chester writes: "We do need more room for our work at St. Mary's. A number of times recently the little chapel has been crowded.

"Last Thursday evening thirty-two boys were present. You can imagine it was rather crowded. Too many to be accommodated at the tables, so some played on the floors.

"We have asked them to come, they come, and we say to them, 'We haven't any room for you.'"

COLORED MISSIONS

The regular monthly meeting of the Committee on Colored Missions of the Woman's Auxiliary, was held February 2nd in the auditorium of the Inasmuch Mission. Mrs. Pharo presided. Sixty-seven delegates were present.

Mrs. Biddle reported the progress of Bishop Demby's Chapel at Forest City, Ark., for which more than \$2600 has been given. The Bishop requested that the committee name the Chapel, and it was voted to call it Christ Church.

Mrs. Becknell, of the Chapel of St. Simon the Cyrenian, spoke of the attitude of the best colored people towards Marcus Garvey. She said that as an agitator and a British subject the colored American citizens had no sympathy with him or his aims. Mrs. Becknell also said that St. Philip's Church in Harlem, its rector and people had taken a positive stand against him and his propaganda.

Archdeacon Baskervill was the speaker of the day. He made an earnest plea for help for his work in South Carolina. The campaign funds have not reached him and he has no money to pay the teachers or to meet other expenses. They are very anxious to have a United Thank Offering worker in South Carolina, where a special effort has been made to interest the women in the offering; and the archdeacon urged all to use their influence to help get one.

MARGARET ASHMEAD TINGLEY,
For the Recording Secretary.

DANGER OF ANTI-SEMITISM

The Rev. John L. Zacker, missionary to the Jews, preached a notable sermon at the Pro-Cathedral of St. Mary, Philadelphia, on the evening of the First Sunday in Lent, on the subject, "American Efforts to Promote Anti-Semitism." The Rev. Mr. Zacker was born in Russia and knows what Anti-Semitism is in its ugliest expression, and being a Hebrew Christian, he understands both sides of the problem.

Taking as his text, Numbers xxiii: 13, "And Balak said unto him, come, I pray thee, with me unto another place, from whence thou mayest see them; thou shalt see but the utmost part of them, and thou shalt not see them all; and curse me them from thence." Mr. Zacker said that the present effort to condemn Jewish people was of the same sort as Balak's. It meant judging the whole people from a view of part of them. The so-called "protocols" (published in England under the title, "The Jewish Peril") he denounced as a forgery, but said that it could not be denied that some of the assertions made against the Jews were true. He would say to his

Jewish brethren that if they are to live in America, they must show themselves true Americans, or they must expect criticism and condemnation from those who belong to this nation and hold its ideals dear. On the other hand, the attempt to arouse race feeling is fraught with great danger, not only to the Jews, but also to the American nation, which has hitherto been generally free from that taint. As long as Christians are so little interested in bringing the Jews to Christianity, they can ill-afford to condemn the Jews' shortcomings.

Mr. Zacker regards with serious doubt the Zionist movement, as not calculated for the best welfare of the Jewish race, but he pointed out that the Zionist movement was a perfectly natural reaction from the treatment which has been accorded the Jews under almost every Christian government.

His sermon was felt by those who heard it to be of timely and weighty importance and deserving of wide attention.

FRESH AIR IN CHURCHES

A lady who is zealous for the Church and the health of the attendants at services, has been visiting several parishes and investigating the matter of air and light in the edifices. In a letter to a friend she tells of one church she visited and, after finding a lack of proper ventilation, she notified the rector, who made the necessary changes. She writes:

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CITY MISSION NEWS—HOSPITAL VISITING

The last City Mission Monthly Conference gave a good deal of attention to the question of hospital visiting. Four of the chaplains give the larger part of their time to this work; Mr. Millet giving all his time and attention to the Philadelphia General Hospital. The other hospitals to which special attention is given are: Home for Consumptives, Lankenau, Jefferson, Pennsylvania, Hahnemann and Municipal Hospitals. Mr. Hendricks visits the colored hospitals—the Mercy, Douglas and Mudgett Hospitals—regularly; and our colored visitor, Mrs. Becknell, has also done much to minister to the lonely and forgotten patients in all the hospitals.

The varied character of the work in the hospitals is quite consistent with the scope of City Mission activities. One talks with Roman Catholics, Jews, Protestants and non-churchgoers, on intimate terms. There is never the slightest attempt to proselytize; but in every case the endeavor is made to relate the patient to his or her own natural pastor.

At the Jefferson Hospital, the City Mission chaplain is the only clergyman who visits regularly, other clergymen going in only for special patients. Some

A young woman, a drug addict, still of the patients present real problems: suffering from a mania for cigarettes, has been removed by her doctor to what is reported to be a house of none too good repute and one is puzzled as to the best means of placing her in such influences as in her sane moments she craves and needs.

A homeless old lady, ready to leave the hospital—a communicant of one of our Episcopal churches—must she go to the Philadelphia Hospital? Is there no home for those who are not fortunate enough to have the wherewithal of admittance?

A man, partially incapacitated for work—locomotor ataxia being his complaint—how may he provide for himself and child after leaving the hospital?

A boy, seventeen years of age, motherless and with an irresponsible father, who cares nothing for him. Before coming to the hospital the boy spent some time in the "Tenderloin," because he looked rather shabby and it was the cheapest place to go. Such a boy should not be held responsible nor should he be turned loose in the city. What are we to do for him?

The chaplain, co-operating with the Relief Department of the City Mission and with the various social activities of the city, tries to answer these questions. In many of the hospitals there is a full-fledged Social Service Department, following up the medical attention of the clinic or the wards, but frequently call-

ing on the City Mission or other relief society for co-operative service.

Sunday evening services are held regularly in the Municipal Hospital and attended by nurses and maids. The chaplain has been in the habit of visiting every ward daily, but owing to the unusually crowded condition of the institution, this is not possible at present. The hospital was built to care for about 500 patients and, at the time of this report, there were about 800 in the institution. The chaplain also visits the homes of patients where the family is in need and has been instrumental in finding work for fathers and otherwise securing help for these needy families.

A REAL ANNUAL MEETING

The proverbial charge that the Episcopal Church is asleep is gradually coming to an end and the more the Church and the parishes dwell upon this fact the more it will awaken other parishes who are as yet dormant or indifferent to the splendid awakening that has been brought about by the Nation-Wide Campaign with its personal visitation, and the sense of personal responsibility that has been brought to each member of the Church for service and giving.

One of the by-products has been the formulation of a proper accounting system and bringing the parishes to have a clearer statement of all their accounts, and what is more wonderful, a general balance sheet and a statement of the position of each of its funds.

For the encouragement of others we venture to call attention to the annual report and balance sheet of St. Mary's Memorial Church, Wayne, Pennsylvania, a country parish but by no means an unimportant one. The day preceding the annual meeting was devoted to a religious celebration on the thirty-second anniversary of its admission to the Diocese of Pennsylvania. The evening following was the legal annual meeting of the Corporation, at which the annual report for the year was read, explained and approved. This was followed by the annual reports of each of the organizations in the Church, including the rector's report of the work he had accomplished in the parish during the year, and finally by the election of vestrymen. The parish council had a nominating committee and nominated eight names for selection by the congregation, and two more nominations were made by other members of the congregation. Under the provisions of the by-laws that persons elected must receive the majority of all the votes cast at the meeting, it took six ballots and several withdrawals of candidates to secure the election of the four successful vestrymen. Under the system established in this parish each vestryman after a service of three years cannot be re-

elected for a period of one year. This was done to widen the circle of interest in the management of parish affairs, and through the medium of the vestry, the parish council and other organizations, train a large number of persons in active Church work. The missionary offerings for the year showed an increase of 60 per cent. over the preceding year. The accounts included all bills, even those for the closing month of the year, so that there were no "hangovers" or floating debt carried over into 1921. The meeting had an attendance of about eighty persons compared with others in the past, which have ranged from one person in excess of the election officers to about thirteen.

Following the election a parish social gathering was held. This parish has now been divided into districts, each in charge of an area head with several district helpers, the attempt being to assign not more than about five families to each member of the District Visiting Organization. This is to permit of quickly reaching the congregation when the rector or the vestry desires it, without unloading the work on one or two persons. Altogether the evening was not only enjoyable but the sense of responsibility of each organization reporting its own results was decidedly inspiring. The progress of this parish is further evidence that the pew rents are not essential to a successful parish. St. Mary's Memorial Church rented pews for more than thirty years and derived fully 40 per cent. of its revenues from that source. Since the pews were freed by the action of its people, its prosperity, both religiously and financially, has materially increased.

News Notes

Bishop Rhinelander was the preacher in the Cathedral of Saint John the Divine in New York, on Sunday February 20th.

Mr. G. Frank Shelby, general secretary of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, is sick in St. Luke's Hospital with typhoid fever. He is making fair progress.

The Convocation of South Philadelphia recently elected the Rev. J. B. Stewart, of the Chapel of the Holy Comforter (Memorial), as secretary, and Mr. Morris Earle as treasurer.

A campaign for increased attendance at Sunday night services during Lent, in Grace Church, Mt. Airy, being conducted by the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, is meeting with marked success.

The Rev. Bernard Iddings Bell, president of St. Stephen's College, Annandale, New York, preached at a service especially for the Stonemen Fellowship in the Pro-Cathedral on the evening of Washington's birthday.

Theodore Roosevelt's name was rejected for the new public school at Ninth street and Oregon avenue, by the Property Committee of the Board of Education. The Committee selected the name of George C. Thomas.

A clubroom has been fitted up at 616 South Broad street for nurses, under the Guild of St. Barnabas for Nurses. A dance was held in the Guild Hall on Wednesday, February 2nd, to which a number of the nurses in neighboring hospitals were invited.

A one-day retreat under the auspices of the Guild of All Souls was held on February 16th at St. Mark's Church. The conductor was the Rev. Dr. J. G. H. Barry, rector of the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, New York. Doctor Barry lectured at the New Century Club, Philadelphia, on February 17th. "Christian Education" was the subject of the lecture, which was under the auspices of the alumnae of St. Mary's School, Peekskill, N. Y.

Christ Church, Pottstown, is planning the erection of a new church school building. The fund was started by a gift of \$5000 from the sons and daughters of the late Ellis and Alice Mills. Mr. and Mrs. Mills were for many years active and devoted communicants of the parish. The rector is the Rev. Stanley R. West.

One hundred and eighty persons, members of the Cathedral League and their friends, heard an interesting illustrated talk by the Rev. Dr. G. C. F. Bratenahl, dean of the Cathedral in Washington, D. C., at the Bishop's house on the evening of February 10th. Dean Bratenahl's subject was "The Cathedral Idea in America." He showed pictures of cathedrals in this country and abroad.

A fine picture of the late Rev. Dr. William C. Rodgers, who was editor-in-chief of the CHURCH NEWS, was published in the January number of *The Messenger*, the organ of the student body of St. Stephen's College, Annandale-on-Hudson, N. Y., of which he was

at one time president. A memorial service for Doctor Rodgers was held at the college on January 7th.

A service in the interest of unity between the Anglican and the Eastern Orthodox Communion was held in the Pro-Cathedral of St. Mary Sunday evening, February 20th. Addresses were made by the Rev. Basil P. Kurdiumoff, rector of the Russian Church of the Advent, who spoke through an interpreter, and by the Rev. Dr. George L. Richardson. The Russian choir sang unaccompanied. The services were under the auspices of the department for work among foreign-born Americans in New York City.

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A WELCOME CALLER

THE CHURCH NEWS desires to record here the most encouraging note of praise that has come to it in the last year. A man—never mind his name—came into our office on that cold Tuesday, January 18th, and said, with a smile: "I just called to shake your hand and to tell you how much I appreciate THE CHURCH NEWS. I wish you had more subscribers."

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Commission on Church Schools Also
Adopts Standard for Schools in
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The Commission on Church Schools of the Department of Religious Education of the Diocese, has issued a letter to superintendents, officers, teachers and pupils of church schools in the Diocese expressing the hope that the Lenten offering this year will reach \$50,000. Last year's offering was \$47,161. The Commission has adopted a standard to be reached by the church schools of the Diocese. The standard follows:

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